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To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the national strategy
for combating and eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the
national strategy for combating and eliminating tuber-
culosis, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive TB
5 Elimination Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMBATING AND ELIMI-**
2 **NATING TUBERCULOSIS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 317E of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–6) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
7 serting the following:

8 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this
11 subsection, the Secretary may give priority to award-
12 ing grants to State health departments proposing to
13 focus on the prevention, control, and elimination of
14 tuberculosis in high-risk populations, including for-
15 eign-born, homeless, incarcerated, HIV-tuberculosis
16 coinfectd, and medically underserved populations.”;

17 (2) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (3)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (C), by redesign-
20 nating clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I)
21 and (II), respectively, and adjusting the
22 margins accordingly; and

23 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
24 (A) through (F) as clauses (i) through (vi),
25 respectively, and adjusting the margins ac-
26 cordingly;

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
2 through (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H),
3 respectively, and adjusting the margins accord-
4 ingly;

5 (C) in the matter preceding subparagraph
6 (A), as so redesignated, by striking “With re-
7 spect to” and inserting the following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”; and

9 (D) by striking subparagraph (B), as so
10 redesignated, and inserting the following:

11 “(B) Research, investigations, experiments,
12 demonstrations, and studies in the health
13 sciences that are related to—

14 “(i) the development of new thera-
15 peutics, including vaccines and anti-
16 microbial drugs, to prevent and treat tu-
17 berculosis;

18 “(ii) novel therapeutics for special
19 populations, including pediatric popu-
20 lations, immunosuppressed individuals, and
21 pregnant women;

22 “(iii) the development or testing of
23 medical diagnostics to detect tuberculosis;

24 “(iv) public health interventions to ad-
25 dress the epidemiology, mechanisms, and

1 pathogenesis of tuberculosis, such as di-
2 rectly observed therapy and non-pharma-
3 ceutical intervention;

4 “(v) methods to enhance detection
5 and response to outbreaks of tuberculosis,
6 including multidrug resistant tuberculosis;
7 and

8 “(vi) other relevant research areas.”;
9 (E) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-
10 nated—

11 (i) by redesignating clause (vi), as so
12 redesignated, as clause (vii);

13 (ii) in clause (v), as so redesignated,
14 by striking “; and” and inserting “;”; and

15 (iii) by inserting after clause (v), as so
16 redesignated, the following:

17 “(vi) the intensification of efforts to
18 prevent, detect, and treat latent tuber-
19 culosis; and”;

20 (F) in subparagraph (D), as so redesign-
21 nated, by inserting before the period the fol-
22 lowing: “, including public awareness campaigns
23 and development of educational, risk, and
24 media communications.”;

1 (G) in subparagraph (F), as so redesign-
2 nated, by striking “paragraphs (1) through
3 (4)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A) through
4 (D)”; and

5 (H) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(2) SELECTION.—In carrying out the activities
7 described in paragraph (1), the Secretary—

8 “(A) is encouraged to give priority to pro-
9 grammatically relevant research so that new
10 tools can be utilized in public health practice;
11 and

12 “(B) may seek input from the Biomedical
13 Advanced Research and Development Authority
14 in identifying novel candidates to utilize in the
15 efforts under this subsection to prevent, diag-
16 nose, and control tuberculosis.”;

17 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) through (h)
18 as subsections (d) through (i), respectively;

19 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
20 lowing—

21 “(c) GRANTS FOR COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND
22 SERVICES FOR PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREAT-
23 MENT.—

24 “(1) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through
25 the Administrator of the Health Resources and Serv-

1 ices Administration, may award grants to State and
2 local governments and Federally qualified health
3 centers for coordinating the programs and services
4 of such States, governments, and centers to ensure
5 timely and appropriate prevention, risk-based screen-
6 ing, diagnosis, and treatment of latent and active tu-
7 berculosis.

8 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
9 ‘Federally qualified health center’ has the meaning
10 given to such term in section 1861(aa) of the Social
11 Security Act.”;

12 (5) in subsections (d), (e), and (f), as so redes-
13 ignated, by striking “(a) or (b)” each place it ap-
14 pears and inserting “(a), (b), or (c)”;

15 (6) in subsection (g)(4), as so redesignated, by
16 adding at the end the following:

17 “(C) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-
18 retary is encouraged to make the reports under
19 subparagraph (A), or other publications rel-
20 evant to domestic tuberculosis surveillance, pub-
21 licly available on the Internet website of the
22 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
23 disseminate such information to stakeholders.”;

24 (7) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

25 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking “research into new
2 tools under subsection (b)(2)” and insert-
3 ing “the research, investigations, experi-
4 ments, demonstrations, and studies in
5 health science under subsection (b)(1)(B)”;

6 (ii) by inserting “ensuring access to
7 the products developed as a result of such
8 research, investigations, experiments, dem-
9 onstrations, and studies and” after “advice
10 regarding”;

11 (B) in paragraph (3)—

12 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
13 (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and
14 (F), respectively; and

15 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
16 (C) the following:

17 “(D) members of the Biomedical Advanced
18 Research and Development Authority;”; and

19 (8) in subsection (i)(1)(A), as so redesignated,
20 by striking “\$200,000,000” and all that follows
21 through the period and inserting “\$142,200,000 for
22 fiscal year 2018, \$195,700,000 for fiscal year 2019,
23 \$225,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, \$236,250,000 for
24 fiscal year 2021, \$248,062,500 for fiscal year 2022,
25 and \$260,465,625 for fiscal year 2023.”.

1 (b) NIH TUBERCULOSIS ACTIVITIES.—Section
2 424C(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3 285b–7c(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and in-
4 serting the following:

5 “(1) enhancing basic, clinical, and operational
6 research on tuberculosis, including with respect to—

7 “(A) drug-resistant tuberculosis;

8 “(B) infection with tuberculosis and la-
9 tency and progression of tuberculosis; and

10 “(C) pediatric tuberculosis;”.

11 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

12 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
14 shall issue a report on the coordination of efforts in the
15 United States to—

16 (1) prevent, control, and eliminate tuberculosis;

17 and

18 (2) implement the activities under section 317E
19 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–
20 6), as amended by this Act, and the National Action
21 Plan for Combating Multidrug-Resistant Tuber-
22 culosis, issued in December 2015.